

S2: Keeping Fires Brigade Informed

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Price of Super Bowl Ticket: \$500

Beer at Ford Field: \$8.75

Look on Sgt. 1st Class Scarr's face as the Seahawks choke: Priceless!

Greeting for the Brigade S2 shop: This has been a busy month for the Intel section.

One of our achievements this month was creating the Escalation of Force briefing for the brigade. This briefing helps prepare those going on convoys to deal with problems they may encounter outside the wire.

We have also written and implemented an information security policy, dealing with the handling of classified material. Through this policy, we hope to keep security violations to a minimum, and help keep everyone here safe.

Unfortunately for us, Maj. Gibby fell prey to Division, and is now working in the ACE, coordinating intelligence operations there. Because Maj. Gibby left, Capt. Hoscila came back to the Brigade from Division.

We still have Capt. Ward and Pvt. Stowell in the Division counter fire cell, and now the newly promoted Sgt. Stewart and Pfc. Nadeau are there too. They continue to track indirect fire and create analytical products for the Division, and are mastering the CPOF computer system. (Command Post of the Future)

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Quick is no longer working in the Division counter fire cell. Corps needed his expertise, so he's now working in what is known as the Perfume Palace.

Sgt. 1st Class Scarr is still tracking convoy ops for Division in the ROC. (Rear Operations Center) He had a rough time with the Seahawks losing the Super Bowl, but we made sure his mourning period was as memorable as possible.

In the Brigade S2 shop, we're busy creating products for the convoys, and doing our daily intelligence updates. Spc. Wilson, Pfc. Nadeau and Pvt. Blair have all been giving the morning briefings. Although they were not especially excited about doing it, they all have been recognized for having excellent briefing skills.

Staff Sgt. Perry gave an informative and relevant class about the Shia religious holiday Ashura. She explained the background of the day, which commemorates Imam Hussein's death, and she told what the convoys could expect to see on the road.

Sgt. 1st Class Coleman went to a three day counter-IED class, so he's now qualified to instruct other Soldiers within the Brigade about IED threats and mitigations.

Also, Spc. Hefflin has been working with the Division topographical team every morning. He's been critical to getting our brigade TOC (Tactical Operations Center) and S2 shop equipped with maps of Baghdad, and the outlying areas.

Master Sgt. Byus our Non Commissioned Officer in Charge, is making sure everything in the shop runs smoothly. He's been busy coordinating training, and ensuring the Soldiers are staying physically fit with his six day a week training program. The Soldiers have become very familiar with "his" hill.

Everyone sends their best to those at home and wishes you happy belated Valentines Day wishes!

